

GRIFFINTAYLE

Newsletter of the Barony of Politarchopolis



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Politarchopolis Diary

- ❖ Lochac Rattan Symposium – 14-15 September
- ❖ The Hunt & Feast (combat archery) – 13-14 October
- ❖ Baronial Championship & Royal Visit – 27 October
- ❖ Casual War (war & tourneys) – 24-25 Nov

Lochac Kingdom Calendar

October XLI		
1	Spring War	
13-14	The Hunt	Torlyon (Crossroads) Yass, NSW
27	Baronial Championship	Politarchopolis Canberra ACT
November XLI		
10-11	November Crown	Castellum Montanum Toowoomba QLD
24-25	Causal War	Politarchopolis Canberra ACT
29-30	St Catherine's Fair	Auckland NZ

Regular Meetings

- ☘ **St Aldhelm's College Meeting:**
Tuesdays 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm Copland Building, ANU
- ☘ **Archery practice:**
Sundays 10:00 am till 12:00 pm (1st Sunday of the month is an Inter Kingdom Archery Competition)
Thursdays from 6 pm during daylight saving
Tuggeranong Archery Club, Soward Way, Tuggeranong.
Cost \$5 to non TAC members, range fees to TAC members.
- ♥ **Armoured Fighter practice:**
Sundays 3:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner
Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Mawson Oval (fortnightly)
Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Park in Edwards St, Higgins
- ☞ **Rapier practice:**
Sundays 2:00 pm, Haig Park, Masson St, Turner
- ☞ **Arts and Sciences:**
Sundays 3:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner
Thursdays 7:30 pm, at The Yew
- ☞ **Baronial Dance Classes:**
Sundays, 2:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park, Turner
- ☞ **Scriptorium:**
2nd Sunday of each month, 2:00 pm, Scout Hall, Haig Park
- ♪ **Choir Practice:**
1st Sunday of the month 1:00 pm, Haig Park, Turner
- ☞ **Baronial Council Meetings:**
The last Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm.
Check with the Seneschal for location.
All members of the populace are welcome to attend.

Unto the Barony of Politar chopolis do Alessandro and Isobel, Baron and Baroness of Politar chopolis send fond greetings.

So much has happened in the past couple of months. We hardly have space to look back and yet the days ahead are crowded with activity too.

May Crown

How can we describe what a majestic and wondrous event this was? We are immensely proud of the magnificence of our Barony.

The day of May Crown Tournament dawned with one of those most beautiful Autumn days that only Politar chopolis can offer. Gentle sunlight warmed the many gentles who arrived early and worked together to raise a score of pavillions and the fabulous display of pennants and banners that dressed the list field.

There was a stir among the watching populace, as Their Majesties announced that the stakes for each and every bout in the Crown Tournament would be as high as that of the final rounds, for with but a single defeat any combatant might fall from the lists. The combatants, inspired by their consorts, did rise to this challenge and all fought with valour and honour.

Long live Hugh and Therasa,
Crown Prince and Princess of Lochac!

There were wondrous entertainments during the weekend, from the remarkable skill of Baroness Leta von Goslar and Master Hrolfr Hreggvidharson juggling between rounds on the tourney field, to the overflowing dance floor and fine singing at the feast.

The evening was splendid, the hall overflowing with people and tables fairly groaning with superb food. The hall was bedecked with the many wall hangings and banners that are a tribute to the creativity of the Barony's Arts and Sciences projects.

Ynys Fawr Baronial Succession & Brass Monkey War

We did travel to the green and lush Barony across the southern waters to watch our friend and previous citizen of Politar chopolis, Snorri Blóddrekkur and Lady Stella de Ravenscar become the next Baron and Baroness of Ynys Fawr.

We greatly enjoyed fighting in the Pas d'Armes in the afternoon and then were most wonderfully entertained in a lovely evening of fine food and poignant court as Arnfinn and Aine bid farewell to their roles of Baron and Baroness and gentle Snorri and Stella stepped up.

The day after the Ynys Fawr Succession, Alessandro had the honour and delight of commanding one side of the forces in the Brass Monkey War.

Rowany Baronial Succession

Also in June, Isobel travelled to the Barony of Rowany to be present as Hrothgar and Helene stepped down as Baron and Baroness of Rowany and to celebrate their successors, Sir Gui von Oberhausen and Aelfled aet Otteburn. Unfortunately flooding rains prevented a tournament from taking place. However the feast was excellent and more than made up for the weather. In true Rowany style, the evening was filled with fine food, gorgeous garb, beautiful music, magnificent ceremony and inspiring dramatic gestures.

Target Archery

The Target Archery Weekend in April seems to have triggered an astounding leap in skill among the archers of Politar chopolis. Undoubtedly some of the finest archers in the Kingdom already, Lady Sabine, Lord Mercurio and Lord Sigmund have recently been achieving IKAC scores well over 200 (to put this in perspective for non archers, many archers are happy with a score around half this).

Winter Tournaments and Feasts

Winter in Politar chopolis is a grand time for armoured tourneys. The fighters of the Barony have been out in force, attending fighter practices throughout the week and taking advantage of every opportunity. We hear rumours that there is a great deal of armouring going on in various workshops.

We are pleased to see a number of both armoured combat and rapier tourneys planned over the coming months and we look forward to attending and participating in as many as we can.

The glorious Politar chopolis Winter days are a chance to wear your most spectacular warm garb and come out to see the tournaments. Then at the feasts afterwards join friends around cosy fires and warm your feet by dancing.

Arts and Sciences

The baronial residence is still buzzing every Thursday night with the Arts & Sciences evenings. Projects like the baronial guard sleeve couching continue, as do various individual projects. Lady Ysabelle Vitale has produced a number of sets of napkins, painted with beautiful Griffin motifs, as gifts for the baronial successions and for Coronation. Gentles can consult with Lord Sigmund on heraldic submissions and as a result we have seen a number of familiar names and devices successfully registered with the College of Heralds.

Midwinter Coronation

We will shortly be travelling again, this time to the Barony of Southron Gaard to attend the Coronation of Hugh and Therasa. We will be staying a short time in the Eastern Isles and so we will not be able to attend the Winter Manor tournament and potluck feast. However we will be back in plenty of time for the Fluffy Duck Tavern and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Alessandro Isobel

Seeking New Officers

☞ **Chandler**

☞ **Arts and Sciences Minister**

☞ **Deputy Hierophant** (web content manager)

A number of our baronial officers are seeking replacements. Please think about taking up one of these roles and encourage others to consider serving the Barony in this way. Contact the officers or the Seneschal for more information.

Politarchopolis Coming Events

Lochac Rattan Symposium

Duke Paul Bellatrix and Duke Brannos will be conducting heavy fighter training workshops in Stormhold (8th & 9th September) and the Politarchopolis (15th & 16th September).

(Refer <http://www.bellatrix.org/school>)

The Barony of Politarchopolis and the Shire of Arrowsreach invites you to attend a unique opportunity to learn from two of the SCA's most renowned combatants. 2 full days of intense workshops will cater to all levels of experience. Saturday night will be at a pub with drinks and food, venue TBA on the day.

When: 15 & 16th September 2007
Field opens 09:00 am

Where: La Trobe Park scout hall, Gawler Cres,
Deakin

Cost: \$125 (\$140 for non members)

Steward: Duke Sir Cornelius von Becke
corneliusvonbecke@mac.com
02 62822018

The Hunt & Feast

The rich hunting fields of Politarchopolis have remained untouched for over a year. Baronial huntsmen report an abundance of game feeding off the fertile fields and pastures. Such abundance has also brought poachers and larger wildlife to the forests of Politarchopolis. Therefore, to lessen the ravages upon our harvest by animals and thieves alike let it be known that the Baron and Baroness of Politarchopolis invite one and all to the Hunt.

Spend a leisurely Saturday afternoon questing and tracking down prey. Gather in the evening to discuss hunt tactics for the morrow. Join the hunt on Sunday morning for deer, poachers and bears. Roving target archery, rapier and heavy tournament Saturday, combat on Sunday in forested areas. Saturday and Sunday lunches catered. Saturday feast limited to 45 people so book and pay early!

Where: Crossroads Medieval Village
Sheldricks Lane, off Hume Highway, Yass Shire

When: 13th - 14th of October 2007

Cost: \$40/45 weekend before 6th October (includes lunches sat/sun and feast Sat night).
\$27/32 Feast only

Bookings: required with payment to Alexandra Hartshorn
(Alex Rapp) 0423 658 368 or
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Medieval Masquerade Ball & Feast

When: 22nd September 2007

Where: Yass Memorial Hall

Cost: Torlyon have cancelled this event

November Crown

You are invited to attend the high ranges of River Haven in the canton of Castellum Montanum to celebrate peace and trade in the Kingdom of Lochac during the age of 16th Century Flanders.

Enjoy the pageantry and chivalry as the kingdom's finest fighters compete for the Crown of Lochac. Revel amidst the wealth of Castellum Montanum and enjoy a night of feasting and celebration as supplied by our well renowned kitchen. On the following day, relax and enjoy a display of fighting prowess and courtly love celebrated in a King of the Mountains Rose Tourney. Market stalls will be available on Sunday. If you would like a stall, please contact the [Steward](#). For interstate visitors bedding and feasting gear will be available. Please indicate your selection on the bookings form.

When: 10th – 11th of November 2007

Cost: \$50 (\$55 non-mem) by 27th Oct
\$60 (\$65 non-mem) at the door

Bookings: Baroness Caelia the Fair
alshell3@bigpond.net.au

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Please check all details are correct and contact the Chronicler to correct any errors.

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